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**TO:** Commission on EMS

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**SUBJECT:** Report on EMS System Standards and Guidelines

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive information on EMS System Standards and Guidelines Revision Committee

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**DISCUSSION:**

The EMS Authority continues to work with the consultant, Rick Narad, and the EMS System Standards and Guidelines committee on the revision of the standards and guidelines, establishing the structure for the revised guidelines, and identifying issues to be resolved. The EMS Authority meets with the consultant on a regular basis to collaborate on project direction. The timeline is for two years with the final revised draft of the EMS System Standards and Guidelines to be presented to the EMS Commission in late 2005. The steering committee last met on October 28, 2004, at the EMS Authority with the next meeting scheduled for November 30, 2004. The meeting focused on the review of Base Hospital, Communications/Dispatch, Exclusive Operating Area, Equipment/Supply, and local EMS agency operations draft standards based on current statute and regulations. The project consultant will be forwarding the committee the next set of draft standards prior to the November meeting for review.

Rick Narad and EMSA staff will give a project progress report to the EMS Administrators Association of California on December 7, 2004 and ask for suggestions on the best format for the revised Standards and Guidelines.

The EMS Commission will be kept informed of the Committee's progress.